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(1823-1878) William Marcy TWEED

American politician and leader of the "Tweed Ring". Born in N.Y. City, the "Ring" conducted the most flagrant system of corruption of the city ever heard of (1871). The system was exposed by the New York Times (1871). A Committee of 70 citizens led by Samuel J. Tilden investigated and Tweed was indicted for forgery and grand larceny. He was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment and a fine of

\$12,300.18. After 2 yrs imprisonment
he was released on a technicality.

He was at once re-arrested on a civil
warrant for over \$6,000,000. While out
for a drive with an attendant from the
Tudor Street jail he escaped and
fled to Spain. He was returned (1876)
and again imprisoned in Tudor
Street jail, where he died.